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SUBJECT: GOK REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT RE HANDLING GEMS AND PRECIOUS METALS

REFERENCE: KUWAIT 0161

1. PHONE CALLS TO LOCAL JEWELERS AND JEWELRY TRADE ASSOC-IATIONS REVEAL FOLLOWING:

(A) GEMOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA (GIA), THROUGH ITS AFFILIATE, GEM INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION, IS LARGEST U.S. DEALER IN EQUIPMENT FOR JEWELRY INDUSTRY. GIA, WHICH IS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, CONDUCTS COURSES IN ALL ASPECTS OF JEWELRY BUSINESS. (GEM INSTRUMENTS IS PROFIT-MAKING ENTERPRISE.) ADDRESS FOR BOTH IS 1660 STEWART STREET, P.O. BOX 2147, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA 90406. TELEPHONE IS (213) 829-2991.

(B) LAWS GOVERNING JEWELRY BUSINESS ARE COMBINATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PLUS VOLUNTARY STANDARDS SET BY
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VARIOUS GROUPS WITHIN THE INDUSTRY ITSELF. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION HAS PUBLISHED "TRADE PRACTICE RULES FOR JEWELRY INDUSTRY" WHICH COVERS TERMS AND SPECIFICATIONS USED IN

JEWELRY BUSINESS AS WELL AS RELATED MATTERS SUCH AS ADVERTISING AND PRICING.

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(C) HALLMARKING OF GOLD AND SILVER ONLY REQUIRES DIE CARRYING INSIGNIA OF SELLER. HANDLING OF PRECIOUS METALS APPARENTLY REQUIRES MUCH LESS EQUIPMENT THAN HANDLING OF GEMS.

2. ARP POUCHING GIA INFO ON COURSES, GEM INSTRUMENTS CATALOGUE OF EQUIPMENT AND PRICES, AND FTC RULES FOR JEWELRY INDUSTRY.

3. SOUTHWEST REFINING AND SMELTING COMPANY, 10803 COMPOSITE DRIVE, DALLAS, TEXAS 75220 (PHONE 214-350-4011 MANUFACTURES EQUIPMENT FOR HANDLING AND ASSAYING PRECIOUS METALS. ARP HAS NOT REPEAT NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL IN THIS ORGANIZATION BUT WILL DO SO ASAP, OBTAIN WHATEVER INFO AVAILABLE AND PASS ON TO POST BY CABLE OR POUCH.

4. SUGGEST GOK DIRECT INQUIRIES FOR EQUIPMENT TO GEM INSTRUMENTS CORP. AND SOUTHWEST REFINING AND SMELTING.
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